Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A hybridoma 3H5 deposited under accession number China Center for Type Culture Collection CCTCC C200112 which produces an anti-decoy receptor 3 (DcR3) monoclonal antibody.

2. (Previously presented) A hybridoma 9A10C3 deposited under accession number China Center for Type Culture Collection CCTCC C200113 which produces an anti-DcR3 monoclonal antibody.

3. (Previously presented) The hybridoma of claim 1 or 2, which is a cell line produced from the fusion of a myeloma cell and a B-cell producing anti-DcR3 antibody.

4. (Previously presented) The hybridoma of claim 3, wherein the B-cell is obtained from an animal immunized by DcR3 and an immunoglobulin constant region fragment (Fc).

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The hybridoma of claim 4, which produces the light chain variable region polypeptide of the anti-DcR3 monoclonal antibody.

7. (Previously presented) The hybridoma of claim 4, which produces the heavy chain variable region polypeptide of the anti-DcR3 monoclonal antibody.

8. (Previously presented) The hybridoma of claim 4, which produces the monoclonal antibody comprising the heavy chain variable region polypeptide and the light chain variable region polypeptide specific to DcR3.

9. (Withdrawn) A fusion protein comprising DcR3 and a immunoglobulin constant region fragment (Fc).

10. (Withdrawn) The fusion protein of claim 9, wherein the immunoglobulin constant region fragment (Fc) is obtained from human Gl immunoglobulm.

11. (Currently amended) A kit for the detection of DcR3, said kit comprising:

(i) a monoclonal antibody specific to DcR3 produced by hybridoma 9AlOC3 deposited under accession number China Center for Type Culture Collection CCTCC C200113; and another monoclonal antibody specific to DcR3 produced by hybridoma 3H5 deposited under accession number China Center for Type Culture Collection CCTCC C200112;

(ii) a means of support, on which attached said monoclonal antibody specific to DcR3 produced by hybridoma 9AlOC3;

(iii) a washing solution; and

(iv) a means for signal generation: which is operably linked with said monoclonal antibody specific to DcR3 produced by hybridoma 3H5 to produce a signal.

12. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 11, wherein the means of support includes microtiter plate, bead, and protein immobilizing material, wherein the protein immobilizing material is selected from the g roup consisting of polyethylene, polystyrene, nitrocellulose and nylon.

13. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 11, wherein the washing solution is phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) or Tris-buffered saline (TBS).

14. (Original) The kit of claim 13, wherein the washing solution further comprises a surfactant.

15. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 11, wherein the means for signal generation is selected from the group consisting of radioactive label, fluorescent label, luminescent label, and enzyme.

16. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 15, wherein the luminescent label is a biological luminescent label or chemical luminescent label.

17. (Original) The kit of claim 15, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase and β-galactosidase.

18. (Original) The kit of claim 17, which further comprises a substrate, wherein the substrate can react with the enzyme for visulization.

19. (Original) The kit of claim 15, wherein the means for signal generation further comprises biotin.

20. (Original) The kit of claim 19, which further comprises avidin operably linked to an enzyme.

21. (Original) The kit of claim 20, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase and β-galactosidase.

22. (Original) The kit of claim 21, which further comprises a substrate, wherein the substrate can react with the enzyme for visulization.

23. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 11, further comprising a legend indicating use of the monoclonal antibody for detecting a DcR3-associated disease selected from the group consisting of nasopharyngeal cancer, head and neck cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, colon cancer, transitional epithelial cancer, hepatic cancer, esophageal cancer, leukemia, lupus erythematosus, hepatitis B, asthma, and acquired immunity deficiency syndrome.

24. (Withdrawn) A method for the determination of DcR3 level, said method comprising steps:

(a) providing a monoclonal antibody specific to DcR3 produced by hybridoma 9AlOC3;

(b) attaching said monoclonal antibody on a means of support to form a antibody-support conjugate;

(c) contacting a detection sample or DcR3 standard with said antibody-support conjugate;

(d) washing with a washing solution;

(e) providing a means for signal generation, which can be operably linked with said monoclonal antibody specific to DcR3 produced by hybridoma 3H5 to produce a signal; and

(f) determining the signal produced by said means for signal generation.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the means of support includes rnicrotiter plate, bead, and protein immobilizing material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polystyrene, nitrocellulose and nylon.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the washing solution includes phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) or Tris-buffered saline (TBS).

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the washing solution further comprises a surfactant.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the means for signal generation is selected from the group consisting of radioactivity immunoassay, fluorescence immunoassay, luminescent label and enzyme.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the luminescent label includes biological luminescent label or chemical luminescent label.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase and β-galactosidase.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, which further comprises providing a substrate, wherein the substrate can react with the enzyme for visulization.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the means for signal generation further comprises biotin.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, which further comprises providing an avidin operably linked to an enzyme.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase and β-galactosidase.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, which further comprises providing a substrate, wherein the substrate can react with the enzyme for visulization.

36. (Withdrawn) A method for the determination of the in vivo DcR3 level, said method using the kit of any one of claims 11 to 23 to detect a serum sample and then reading the result.

37. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

(i) an effective amount of the fusion protein consisting of DcR3 and a immunoglobulin constant region fragment (Fc); and

(ii) a pharmacologically acceptable carrier or excipient.

38. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 37, wherein the immunoglobulin constant region fragment (Fc) is obtained from human G1 immunoglobulin.

39. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 38, which is useful in the treatment and/or prevention of D&3-associated diseases.

40. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 39, wherein the DcR3-associated disease is selected from the group consisting of nasopharyngeal cancer, head and neck cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, colon cancer, transitional epithelial cancer, hepatic cancer, esophageal cancer, leukemia, lupus erythematosus, hepatitis B, allergies, autoimmunity diseases, acquired immunity deficiency syndrome and any hemo-disease and cancer caused by viral infection.